

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claim 7 as follows:

**LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS**

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- ~~A/B1~~ 1-6. (Canceled)
7. (New) A rotating shaft with a locking device comprising:  
a cylindrical rod extending from the rotating shaft, the cylindrical rod having at least one milled face;  
a plurality of flat friction parts, each friction part having a circular section, an  
5 arched section, an axial hole defined by the circular section and the arched section, and a gap between the circular section and the arched section, the plurality of friction parts being connected together, the cylindrical rod being rotatably inserted through each axial hole, each arched section having a radius adjustable between a  
10 locked state and an unlocked state, such that a free end of each arched section releasably engages the milled section of the cylindrical rod in the locked state and resiliently expands to engage an outer circumference of the cylindrical rod in the unlocked state as the cylindrical rod is rotated.
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